

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
310 GREENWOOD ST.
GRAND LEDGE, MI 48837**

**MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
310 GREENWOOD ST., GRAND LEDGE MI 48837**

ROLL CALL OF BOARD – Authority Members Present: Mayor Keith Mulder, Vicki Paski, Andrew Archer, Michael Fredericks, Lise Mitchell, Dana Beattie, and Chris Fata

Members Absent – Authority Members Absent: Chairman Bruce MacDowell, Vice Chairman Spencer Bye, Natalia Clough, Terrance Augustine, Karl Glarner, and Amy Hoyes

Others Present – Amee King, Assistant City Manager

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Laura Guild, Executive Director for the Grand Ledge Chamber introduced herself and indicated that she is looking forward to working with the DDA.

III. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

A. Motion – To approve the Wednesday, January 14, 2026, regular DDA agenda.

AUTHORITY MEMBER FREDERICKS MOVED, AUTHORITY MEMBER MITCHELL SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 14, 2026, REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Motion – To approve the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

AUTHORITY MEMBER MITCHELL MOVED, AUTHORITY MEMBER FREDERICKS SECONDED, TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Financial Transactions and Bills – Mrs. King reviewed the financial transactions and bills.

AUTHORITY MEMBER BEATTIE MOVED, AUTHORITY MEMBER PASKI SECONDED, TO ACKNOWLEDGE PAYMENT OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,898.08. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Monthly financial statement – Ms. King reviewed the financial statements.

C. ADA Observation Platform – Mrs. King indicated that the silt fence has been installed and the security fence was scheduled to be installed yesterday, January 13th. Earth work is scheduled to begin on Monday, January 19th.

AUTHORITY MEMBER MITCHELL MOVED, AUTHORITY MEMBER PASKI SECONDED, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

A. First United Methodist Church Request – Mrs. King reported that at a prior meeting, Mr. Joel Wortley requested on behalf of the First United Methodist Church, that the DDA/City plow their sidewalk. The board requested staff put together a cost associated with this request. Staff was able to get additional information from Mr. Wortley. The request includes sidewalks; Bridge Street from W. Scott to property line and Harrison from W. Scott to property line, which is approximately 200 feet. Costs associated with the request would be \$90 to \$100 for each snow/salt event and an additional \$450 for spring clean up. After discussion it

was the consensus of the board to send the church a letter indicating the budget does not allow for an expansion of sidewalk plowing/salting at this time. The authority further requested to review the snow plow maps in August or September this year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS –

IX. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

- X. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS –** Authority member Mitchell indicated that the library upgraded their catalog on Sunday to a friendlier version to use with additional features. Mrs. Mitchell also thanked Meijer for their wonderful donation that will cover the summer reading program.

Authority member Fredericks indicated that the St. Patrick day celebration at the Opera House will be March 13th.

Authority member Beattie indicated that Meijer likes to invest in communities and is happy to donate to a 501c3 organization. If you know of anyone, please pass along the information to them.

Mayor Mulder indicated that the playground at Jaycee Park is mainly complete and there will be a grand opening when the weather is warmer.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

AUTHORITY MEMBER BEATTIE MOVED, AUTHORITY MEMBER PASKI SECONDED, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:29 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Keith Mulder, Acting Chairman

Vicki Paski, Secretary